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X FACTOR GIRLS ON STAGE

FRESH from national exposure on The X Factor, girl group Belle Amie are launching the next phase of their pop career in Dymchurch. The four girls, who were kicked off the contest by the public three weeks ago, will be appearing at a one-night celebration of top acts from the TV talent show.

They will be joined by boy band The Reason, and fellow girl group Ladybird, who also appeared on this year's show. Britain's Got Talent finalists Signature, a dance duo, wowed audiences with their Michael Jackson tribute act and managed to make it through to the final five of the contest.

Tickets for the show at New Beach Holiday Park this Saturday are priced at £10, £15 and up to £25. Reservations can be made by calling the box office on 0845 815 9720.

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A LANDOWNER has caused outrage by refusing to let villagers walk across a field which has been open to the public since the Second World War.

The stile leading to Lympne airfield has been removed, and a sign put up saying all those who wish to enter must seek permission.

The owner is listed as Phides Estates (Overseas) Ltd, a subsidiary of Somerston Group, which owns the historic field. Earlier this year the company published a leaflet and hosted an exhibition advertising its plans to build up to 400 homes on the site.

Shepway Environment and Community Network chairman and Lympne resident David Plumstead has written to both the heads of Somerston and Shepway council to protest against the closure.

In the letter he said: "[The] airfield forms a central part of the way of life for the majority of Lympne residents, who enjoy its unspoilt acres for a wide range of activities, including walking with and without dogs, horse-riding, ballooning, ornithology and nature-watching.

"What remains of our airfield is all that stands between us, the industrial estate and the A20. It has a continuous history as an airfield from before the First World War and is the last remaining frontline Battle of Britain airfield in Kent.

"We owe a huge debt to the airmen and ground crews who died keeping Hitler and the Nazis at bay. The least we can do is preserve the airfield for the enjoyment of their children

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Seize the day, Howard urges business show

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

INNOVATION and entrepreneurship is alive and well in Shepway, judging by the line-up at KOS Media's Business Week Live exhibition.

Several of the district's small and medium-sized firms were showcasing their wares at the County Showground in Detling, near Maidstone, on Wednesday last week and the prospects for the future are looking good.

One of those is the Lydd-based Credo group of companies, which provide a variety of services including online criminal record bureau checks, a fostering agency and IT management.

David Burton of crbchecks.co.uk, which provides an application and verification process for charities and organisations, said business has increased: "This year we're averaging about 175 checks a month, whereas this time last year it was about 125."

"I think a lot of people have been made redundant or accepted early retirement and decided to set up their own businesses."

"These business owners want to ensure they're doing everything right and may be more inclined to check the people they're employing"

All Health Matters, based in Densole, provides a complete occupational health service for firms throughout Kent and London.

Managing director Gill Monk said: "If you lose your best employees it can cripple you for months. What we do is help improve their confidence and self-esteem to bring them back into the workplace."

"During these times it is even more important to keep your workforce happy and healthy and our business has held up well. We provide the health and the firms provide the safety."

The Coalition's promised boom in



BIG BUSINESS: Lord Michael Howard

green jobs is starting to bear fruit and Recoop, based in Folkestone, is one such example.

Owner Lewis Cooper said: "We provide solar panels for homes and businesses and anyone who generates their own electricity can earn money back using a feed-in tariff to the national grid."

"Not only will this reduce energy bills but it will also help the Government meet its CO₂ targets."

"We have plenty of incentive from the Government so we aim to be the leaders in Kent and south-east England in providing such systems."

Another group at the conference, which was attended by former Shepway MP Lord Michael Howard, was the Channel Chamber of Commerce. Chamber manager Sezen Zeki said: "The turnout today is a positive sign of things to come. We are working with Invicta and Thames Gateway chambers as well as the universities, Business Link and other partnerships about what the new LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) means for us."

About the Government spending review, Ms Zeki said: "There's a lot to be unveiled. I don't think anyone knows the true extent of it yet."

"With the public sector being cut, I'd like to think those in the private sector are ready to take on the challenge of creating extra jobs and opportunities. It's risky but I think it's good to take that risk sometimes."

Charitable trust is providing safe play

YOUNGSTERS in Etchinghill, Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis will be able to play more safely thanks to a £2,000 grant from The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust.

Lyminge parish council applied to the trust to help fund work for new matting at its play areas to comply with modern safety requirements.

The trust welcomes new applications from community groups or institutions with charitable aims in education, the arts, culture and heritage, regeneration, community development, health and sport.

To apply, email Emma Long at emma.long@strandhouse.org or go to www.rdhct.org.uk.

One-hour parking restriction returns

ON-STREET parking restrictions in New Romney and Hythe are going back to one hour.

A trial 30-minute limit was introduced by Shepway council on October 18 to help boost trade, following a request from New Romney and Hythe town councils.

But Shepway Cabinet member for parking, Malcolm Dearden, said the half-hour restriction was not popular and so it was being changed back.

By law, Shepway Council has to advertise the change and hopes the one-hour parking limit will be back in time for Christmas shopping.

The council is again offering Christmas shoppers free parking at its 20 pay-and-display car parks on Saturday and Sunday, December 18-19, and Christmas Eve.

Salvation Army offers a happy Christmas

HYTHE Salvation Army will be providing a festive Christmas day with music, food and entertainment.

Volunteer drivers will bring guests to the hall in Portland Road at about 10.30am for an 11am start.

The day includes a four-course Christmas dinner, and guests will be provided with a packed tea and present, to take home at about 3.15pm.

The meal will be for those who live on their own or are struggling and would appreciate some good company in a Christian environment.

To help boost the Christmas appeal there will also be a sale and coffee morning at the hall this Saturday, between 10am-1pm.

To find out more and to sign up for the Christmas Day meal, call Captain Phil Layton on 01303 268792.

Seven teen girls caught boozing

PARENTS are being urged to do more to stop their children getting hold of alcohol after seven teenage girls were caught drinking in just one night.

PCSOs Mark Ball and James Chadwick stopped three 15-year-old girls drinking in Sandgate high street on Friday, November 5.

Their names and addresses were taken and their alcohol confiscated.

Another group of youngsters was caught drinking on Sunny Sands beach, including a 15-year-old girl who claimed she was given two bottles of wine and a crate of lager by

her mother. Police want to remind people that it is a criminal offence to buy alcohol for anyone aged under 18.

Licensing officer PC Chris Stephens said: "It's completely irresponsible for parents to encourage their children to drink in this manner."

"These girls were unsupervised and out on a cold night in public."

"This sort of behaviour has huge risks for their health and personal safety and must not be encouraged by parents."

"There is also a direct relationship

between alcohol consumption by young people and crime such as antisocial behaviour."

"We carry out licence-enforcement work to ensure that alcohol is not being sold to underage children in bars, shops and off-licences."

"We are now asking parents to fulfil their responsibilities as well."



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Crowds gather for wet Remembrance service

■ BY NICK AMES & JAMES ALEXANDRE

RAIN failed to dampen spirits at Folkestone's Remembrance Day parade held on Sunday.

Veterans, their relatives, servicemen and women, as well as police and fire-fighters, all joined forces to mark the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for their country.

The heavens opened just as the first bands and spectators arrived at the town's war memorial at the top of the Road of Remembrance.

The Last Post heralded the start of the service followed by an immaculate observation of the two minutes' silence by spectators.

The maroon beret of the Parachute Regiment was worn by many in the crowd and there were a number of Gurkha soldiers and their families.

Applause

All received applause as they marched past the memorial, where wreaths were laid.

Chaplain to the Mayor of Folkestone, The Reverend Sarah Fitzgerald spoke before the silence which was ended by a sounding of The Reveille, while a piper played the traditional lament Flowers of the Forest.

Prayers followed along with the band of the Salvation Army who played the hymn Oh God Our Help In Ages Past.

Prayers and the British and French national anthems marked the closing of the service.

Spectator Aaron Gurr said: "It's sobering to reflect how many soldiers have marched down the hill next to the memorial to the docks and sailed away to foreign parts never to return."



HONOURED: Crowds applaud servicemen as they march past the memorial in Folkestone at the service on Sunday

"This is what makes the service so poignant."

The occasion also coincided with the relaunch of the Step Short project website, with the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War only four years away.

Set up in 2008 by the Go Folkestone Action Group, it aims to renovate the Road of Remembrance in time to honour the town's role and highlight the heroism of the men who

fought and died between 1914-18. Other aims including restoring a derelict harbour canteen and opening a visitors' centre.

An estimated 10 million men passed through Folkestone harbour on the way to the Western Front, with only eight million returning.

The last surviving British soldier from the Great War, Harry Patch, who died in 2009 was one of those who crossed over from Folkestone.

Villagers to fight airfield proposal

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and grandchildren in their memory."

He said a village poll conducted by the parish council this year revealed 96 per cent rejected the development proposals.

A pro-forma letter has also been drawn up, which villagers can sign and send to the owners and Shepway council. It is available from Lymgne post office.

An application was lodged with Kent County Council two years ago for the site to be made a village green.

A spokesman for Somerston Capital said the company had acted on legal advice. "Lymgne airfield is private land and, as its owner, we are entitled and advised to secure the site."

Lymgne airfield has been identified as a potential site for new build in the council's Local Development Framework.

To find out more about the plans, go to www.lympneconsultation.org.uk.

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Equestrians' crime group

HORSE-RIDERS and owners are being urged to sign up to a new scheme launched by police to help deal with rural crime.

East Kent Horsewatch has been set up by Shepway crime reduction officer PC Di Leslie-Veal after a rise in the amount of hay being stolen, due partly to a poor harvest caused by the recent extreme cold winter and hot summer.

The aim is also to raise awareness of horse tack theft as well as offer crime prevention advice.

PC Leslie-Veal is a member of National Horsewatch Alliance and is also working closely with the Country Eye Rural Policing initiative, similar to a rural version of Neighbourhood Watch.

PC Leslie-Veal, herself a horse owner said: "Since Kent Horsewatch had to close due to unforeseen circumstances last year, there's been a need for a source of contact and sharing of information in the equestrian world."

"There are more than 500 members on the Facebook page and we've already had some early successes due to simply being able to share information."

Anyone who wants to join the East Kent Horsewatch can either sign up to a special Facebook page called East Kent Horsewatch or email PC Di Leslie-Veal at 8733@kent.pnn.police.uk.

Beach plans look set for council go-ahead

CONTROVERSIAL plans to develop a popular beach used by anglers, artists and walkers were expected to be approved by Shepway councillors last night (Tuesday).

Members of the development control committee voted on the application to build 62 homes and flats, a fishmongers, restaurant and nine huts at Fisherman's Beach in Hythe.

Council planning officials had recommended giving the go-ahead in a report prepared for the meeting, subject to conditions.

In summary it said permission should be granted due to the site being home to a former gasworks and therefore a brownfield area suitable to be built upon.

The extra homes were in line with development plan policy, while a proposed boardwalk would increase access to the beach, and wider improvements, including car parking, would benefit the area.

The layout and landscaping would produce "a sense of place and a development of character" that would not impact upon the area's heritage, including the recently listed RNLI lifeboat houses, the report said.

The original plans for 80-90 dwellings were scaled down after a public outcry following two rounds of

public consultation and a leafleting campaign by protestors.

Hythe town council voted against the plans earlier this year, saying they were too intensive, too high and would take away a public space.

English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency raised various concerns including the effect on the setting of Martello Tower 14, protection of species and flooding.

The Ministry of Defence also raised issues about security and boats straying into the path of the Hythe military ranges.

Conservation campaigners Protect Kent were the only ones to call for an outright rejection of the plans, saying they were over-intensive and would impact upon the beach's heritage.

In October the lifeboat houses, built in 1893 and 1936 respectively, were granted listed protection by Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt after one of the buildings faced demolition under the original proposals.

Kent County Council is also yet to decide whether about half of the site should be designated village-green status.

The applicants Ossory Investments owns part of the land with Shepway council.

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AT EASE: Ruth Parkinson with members of the Great War Society, 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, on the anniversary when the memorial to Fred Hardy (inset) was first found at the harbour station

Soldier's story and mystery memorial

A PHOTO left at Folkestone Harbour station has revealed the story of a soldier who left for the Great War never to return.

The touching memorial – together with a note – was left on the station wall earlier this year on the anniversary of the outbreak of the war, which saw more than ten million men pass through the harbour on their way to the Western Front.

Now artist Ruth Parkinson, who organised the original gathering in August, has uncovered a fascinating and heart-rending story of the soldier, who came from Yorkshire and died in a prisoner-of-war camp.

Ms Parkinson told Yourshepway: "I've been looking after this little memorial and renovating it while I've been doing research.

"His name was Fred Hardy and he was a private in the 5th Battalion, Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment.

"How his photograph came to be left at the station we don't know, we're still trying to find out, but we know his battalion went through the station on the way to Boulogne."

Ms Parkinson began her search online and came across a website based in Holmfirth, Yorkshire, which was Pte Hardy's home town.

After leaving school and working at a mill, he enlisted and sailed for France in January, 1917. He returned to Holmfirth on sick leave in March, 1918, and was back in France at the beginning of April that year.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

Shortly after returning to his unit he was reported missing after action on May 27. Pte Hardy's battalion was on the Craonne plateau in the frontline when the enemy began a heavy bombardment in the early hours and left them surrounded.

Some 630 men were reported missing after the action, with some, including Pte Hardy, taken prisoner. He later died of dysentery on September 18, aged 22.

A soldier from the 12th Battalion, Royal Scots, who was in the same camp, wrote to Fred's family to say he died peacefully: "As I was his bed mate and a little stronger than he, and I gladly gave him my best attention, which was appreciated very much. I must say he was a dear chum of mine. Before I close, on behalf of all the lads in the ward, I offer their greatest sympathy."

Pte Hardy was buried at the Ohrdruf PoW cemetery in Thuringia and was later moved to the Niederzwehren cemetery in Hessen.

Ms Parkinson said: "A friend of mine who researches ancestry has found out there's a relative of Pte Hardy in Australia who is researching the family tree.

"Whether it was him, over here and staying at the Burstin, who left it at the station, I don't know. This story is just so poignant, it was the way I just came across this memorial.

"Somebody had just left it while I was there and I wish they'd come and spoken to me."



FRED HARDY

Final reckoning for benefits cheats

TWO Folkestone men have pleaded guilty to benefit fraud in separate court cases, sending out a warning to those tempted to fiddle their claims.

Stephen Walters, 46, of East Street, appeared for sentencing at Canterbury Crown Court on November 3, having earlier pleaded guilty to failing to report he was living with a working partner.

The case was jointly investigated by Shepway council and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Walters admitted receiving housing benefit, council tax benefit and income support amounting to £77,716.83 to which he was not entitled. Walters was sentenced to 12 months in jail.

On November 1, Mohammed Joomun, 55, of Castle Hill Avenue, pleaded guilty to

14 counts of dishonestly furnishing benefit claims and false documents to get housing benefit. He admitted his claim had been false from the outset and that he had invented a fictitious landlord, signing numerous proof of rent letters himself.

He had been paid a total of £33,491.11 in housing benefit.

The case was adjourned for pre-sentence reports and Joomun was bailed to return to Canterbury Crown Court for sentencing.

Shepway's cabinet member for customer contact, Alan Clifton-Holt, said: "These cases should send a strong message to anyone even remotely tempted to fiddle their benefit claim that it just isn't worth it.

"Most claimants are honest people who need a little help to make ends meet. We will catch the few who are dishonest."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Messages on the move

NEW messages on council vans are warning irresponsible dog-owners and fly-tippers they could face a hefty fine.

Shepway's vehicle fleet has been repainted with the messages on either side, showing the maximum fine is £1,000 for dog fouling and £50,000 for fly-tipping.

Cabinet member for planning and community safety Cllr Hugh Barker said: "These are not new vans but we thought we'd put them to a new use.

"They're always out and about in the district, so we're using them to get the message across: if we catch you, we'll fine you."

About 100 council staff, as well as neighbourhood policing teams and community wardens, have been trained in dealing with environmental offences. They can ask for the name and address of anyone they catch committing offences such as dog fouling and fly-tipping.

Youth setting the stage

DOVER Youth Theatre is going back in time for their latest production.

The theatre company is staging Agatha Christie's Appointment With Death at the Roundhouse Theatre, in the Dover Discovery Centre, Market Square.

The murder mystery is set in 1945, at the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem.

The two-night show will be staged on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, starting at 7.30pm on each night.

Tickets cost £8, or £5 for students. For more information or to book, phone 01304 202544.

Water mains disruption

DIVERSIONS and temporary traffic lights will be in place during mains replacement work in Folkestone and Stelling Minnis over the coming weeks.

Veolia Water, which is carrying out the work, said lights will be up at Guildhall Street and Lucy Avenue in Folkestone and a diversion at Clavertye, near Stelling Minnis.

Project manager Steve McIntegart said: "We apologise for any inconvenience, but this is essential maintenance and renewal work."

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Punters pick up a pin before a pint

HUNDREDS of pounds have been raised for a charity following birthday celebrations at a pub.

Tony Kairns used his 50th birthday celebration in the Rose Hotel in Deal as an occasion to raise money for the RSPB.

Mr Kairns agreed with the landlord to operate a no badge, no pint policy, encouraging customers in the bar to buy a RSPB pin-badge. The pub sold out of the whole box, raising more than £200 on the night.



SUPPORTIVE: Carol Knott with the landlord of the Rose Hotel

Nichola Willett, the RSPB's senior community fund-raiser, said: "This is a great example of someone coming up with an original and fun idea to raise funds for charity. The no badge, no pint theme could be used in any pub."

Customers at the Rose Hotel have become proud supporters of the RSPB and display their pin badge donations and certificates on the wall of the bar.

Volunteer Carol Knott manages the collection box, counting up the cash and replacing the badges. So far this year she has helped raise more than £800 managing 23 pin badge boxes in her area.

She said: "It's great that in the current economic climate, people can be so generous in helping wildlife."

"Thanks to all the businesses who display our boxes and everyone who supports the RSPB by buying the badges."

Mrs Willett added: "I am delighted the RSPB has such a great representative in Deal and Sandwich and I would like to thank Carol for all her hard work."

GPs meet to prepare for future of health service

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

THE future of the health service in east Kent has been under discussion.

Representatives from NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust have met more than 20 GPs and members from KCC about the future handover of power from the PCT to GPs.

In July, the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley announced that GPs would take control of commissioning health services and PCTs would be abolished by 2013. This means GPs will be given the responsibility for finding out what healthcare service communities need and purchasing them on their behalf.

To help smooth over the transition, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent have drawn up a list of functions GPs will be asked to take over, which currently stands at more than 200.

Dr Robert Stewart, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent's medical director and a local GP, said: "GPs are keen to explore roles, to ensure they are well-prepared and properly resourced to move into a shadow phase as early as possible, for some it could be from April 2011."

"We have a strong record of working with our clinical commissioners and GPs and we are well placed to move forward."

"We are in transition but we are still accountable for the health and wellbeing of our public



and patients. Therefore it is vital the PCT continues to maintain its functions while ensuring our finances are in shape and the local NHS is in the best position to be handed over to GPs with a smooth transition.

"Co-designing the future is vital and no decision will be made without GP involvement."

"After all, they are the ones who will have to take the new way of working forward."

"There has been much talk about the fact that GPs are not number crunchers or management gurus, but the truth is they know only too well that they cannot personally do it all and it

was clear from the discussion they recognise they will need support."

Chair of the discussion Dr Tony Martin said: "This event allowed us to share our ideas and gave us the opportunity to work together and provide a good foundation for the transition ahead."

"It was important to hear the breadth of ideas across both potential consortia and the PCT."

"We now need to move forward and I am confident that by working closely with commissioners we will be able to make a success of the changes."

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SARAH STIRLING-ASH



Q Can you tell us a little about Capel Dog Training?

A I've been involved in dog-training since the mid-1980s and have been instructing at clubs for the last eight years.

I started Capel Dog Training in 2008 after moving to the area. I have another two instructors helping as we now have a total of six classes.

One of our recent additions is a class for small dogs as some are afraid of larger, boisterous dogs in a confined area.

Q Do you have any pets yourself?

A I have four dogs: three Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens and a Leonberger. I also have seven alpacas.

They live in harmony and are a pleasure to own, even though the latest addition, a three-year-old male Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, has only been with us for three months after coming to us in a very neglected state.

Q Can even the most unruly dog be trained to become better behaved?

A All dogs can benefit from training, regardless of whether they are boisterous or laid back, but if dogs have specific behaviour problems, owners are better off consulting a behaviourist who will specialise and be able to deal with that particular problem on a one-to-one basis.

Q Why is it important that owners train their dogs?

A The Kennel Club Good Citizens Dog Scheme teaches owners about responsible dog-ownership. Not everybody is a dog-lover, so it's very important that we have responsible owners and well-behaved dogs in society.

Even those of us who are dog-lovers don't want to have to suffer with uncontrolled, ill-mannered dogs with owners who fail to make any attempt to control or clean up after their pets.

Q What levels of achievement are available at the club?

A Capel Dog Training is Kennel Club-listed and we aim for handlers and dogs to gain Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Awards, which run from puppy through bronze, silver and gold.

We recently had five handlers and dogs pass their gold award, having previously gained bronze and silver. I am also qualified to examine at bronze and silver levels.

Q Does the club take part in any other activities?

A We promote the Kennel Club's Safe And Sound Scheme, which teaches children how to be safe around dogs.

We have done displays promoting this scheme, at fêtes and fairs throughout the

summer. We also do formation heel work to music at summer fêtes. I am also involved in Pets As Therapy. My Leonberger visits four establishments a week, giving tremendous pleasure.

I am also a temperament assessor and a voluntary local area coordinator for the charity. I encourage suitable owners and dogs within the club to also become involved.

Some of our other members are involved with dog water-rescue and carting, while others show their dogs and compete in obedience and even dog-dancing.

Q What is the best bit about dog-training?

A When dogs arrive as bouncy little puppies and then progress to gain Good Citizens awards.

It's a great pleasure to see, not only for their owners but also for the club instructors. The same goes for older and rescued dogs who join us a bit later in life.

Q Do you have any final comments?

A Capel Dog Training came second in the Kennel Club's annual awards for 2009 within the Listed Clubs category.

• To find out more about Capel Dog Training, phone 01304 241339 or email capeltraining@hotmail.com

Q & A

The founder of Capel Dog Training talks to reporter **Mathew Beech** promoting responsible pet-ownership, work with Pets As Therapy, guiding pets and owners towards gold awards – and even dog-dancing

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THYME AND TIDE

The finishing touches are being added to Dover's impressive new esplanade, with plants being dug in along the new 'wave' promenade to complete the £2 million project.

Some 2,750 plants will be installed in the beach areas between the path and the promenade, with hardy trees set into the lawn area. These will include Norway maple, salt cedar and holm oak, all suitable for a beachfront environment.

Flowers will include thyme, rock rose and soapwort, as well as more exotic species including yellow-horned poppy, Babington's leek and English stonecrop.

The planting is expected to take three weeks. The landscaping is part of a collaboration between Kent County Council, Dover District Council, Dover Harbour Board, Seeda, SeaChange, the Commission For Architecture And The Built Environment and English Heritage.

Eco village leads the way with light tread on the environment

ECO-FRIENDLY villagers are putting their urban neighbours to shame with green schemes that are reducing their carbon footprint.

Three years ago, Kent's rural community leaders took up the challenge to help tackle climate change, with some now reporting impressive results thanks to the energy-saving efforts of residents.

Villagers in Elham, near Folkestone, are among those to have successfully reduced their carbon footprints after being persuaded to take measures to improve their energy efficiency such as using low-voltage light bulbs and better insulation.

The Elham Environmental Group (EEG), which was formed in 2007, has also planted trees and produced sustainable shopping bags for traders.

Residents who sign up to the Fuel Club can also enjoy cheaper bills thanks to pooled deliveries of heating oil that limit the number of times lorries have to visit the village.

"There are lots of other things we would like to do, but we are limited because we are only a small team of volunteers," said chairman the Rev Canon David Ratcliff.

"There are also some people who think climate change isn't happening or that it isn't caused by the use of fossil fuels, so we're always having to convince people. There's no hostility towards what

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

we're trying to achieve, but some are doing more to help than others."

Elham was one of four villages that received KCC funding to pioneer the county's efforts to cut carbon emissions in 2007, the others being Eastchurch on Sheppey, Hadlow near Tonbridge and St Margaret's near Dover.

The Rev Ratcliff was a guest speaker at Protect Kent Canterbury's annual meeting, when he revealed EEG's energy-saving efforts had led to a 7 per cent reduction in Elham's carbon emissions.

But the retired clergyman admitted some methods may prove more difficult to implement in urban areas.

"We think our way of working is good for smallish communities, but it may not be suitable for everyone," he said.

"There's so much going on in large towns and cities that it can be very difficult to get people to respond. But anything we can do to help people become more aware of environmental issues is good.

"I'm in my 70s and retired, so it's not going to affect me much, but it's about the children and grandchildren and the future they are going to grow into."

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SIMPLY fabulous funky redhead, 39, down to earth, fit and active, seeks laid back, passionate guy to share red wine, good conversation, maybe more. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352711

EXOTIC curvy female, excellent cook, fit and active seeking mature white male to pamper and be looked after in return. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352705

ATTRACTIVE blue eyed blonde, 41, no ties, seeks someone easy-going and fun who can make life a bit more interesting. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352703

PETITE blonde, 39, seeks tall genuine fun to be with male to be happy and let her hair down with. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352677

PRETTY happy go lucky lady, no ties, seeks tall, slim, attractive guy with big heart as well as personality for fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352675

QUIET smart, brown eyed lady, likes meals out and dancing, WLTm laidback mature man to share laughter/TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352673

CURVY brunette, loving but a bit of a dreamer looking to share special times together with likeminded easygoing male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352671

ATTRACTIVE fun, friendly blonde, seeks fun guy. Sutton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382502

FRIENDLY serene, black, attractive female, nice smile, 37, slim, adores blue sky, music, theatre, reading, seeks genuine, caring gent, 36-49, N/S to share life and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815

STEVE East Grinstead, met at Parsons Pig through ad, moonlit beaches, I made a mistake, please leave your number. Crawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351677

TINY attractive fun loving lady, likes to cook romantic meals, music and dancing, WLTm medium built likeminded male for loving LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352119

ADORABLE beauty, curvy, caring, down to earth, trained lawyer, seeks good man for friendship, companionship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351337

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HEATHER 47, seeks kind, caring, thoughtful, trustworthy male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382250

LOVELY Estonia lady, N/S, 59, likes music, travel, theatre, walks, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship and to share interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351133

VIVACIOUS blonde, big eyes, friendly, outgoing and fun seeking outward going happy male for fun and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351381

BEAUTIFUL bubbly blue eyed blonde, full of life looking for similar extrovert male to put some fun back in her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350725

ATTRACTIVE 59yr old lady, likes music, sports, cooking, travel, seeks caring male, 60-70 to share interests and friendship. Crawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351817

VOLUPTUOUS blue eyed red head, artistic and good with her hands looking for someone intelligent and witty for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352087

CHATTY outgoing female, likes music, country pubs, seeks tall slim outgoing male to share quality time together. Possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352089

EXTREMELY attractive, slim brunette, 38, feminine and very romantic, seeks tall, loyal male who knows how to treat a lady. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352091

OUTGOING dark haired beauty, curves but definitely in all the right places, fit and active seeks sincere male for good times. Maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352095

BEAUTIFUL slim, Oriental babe, 22, seeks older, generous guy 65 plus who knows how to pamper. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348545

STUNNING ex model, curvy, long legs seeks tall well built guy relax with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349005

SAM attractive, outgoing with blonde spiky hair, green eyes, lonely, romantic and in need of some male company. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349927

STUNNING brown eyed brunette, funny and vivacious searching for fun and romance with unattached male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349923

GILL slim stylish blue eyed blonde loving and caring, WLTm down to earth guy who knows how to treat his lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349921

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527

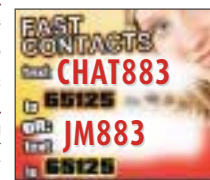
HAPPY go lucky blue eyed blonde, 38, just wants to make someone happy seeks similar kind male for a loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347347

TINY blonde, blue eyes, lovely smile, romantic at heart, seeks really nice man for romance, possible LTR. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348999

LORRAINE 5ft 8ins, slim, size 10, long dark curly hair, green eyes, likes meals out, pubs, seeks male with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348857

STUNNING blonde, feels life is for living looking for her Mr Right, 45-55, who can make her feel special. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350723

CURVY blonde, big blue eyes, many interests WLTm genuine male to make her laugh and brighten up her day. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350721



STUNNING slim green eyed blonde, fun to be with, likes nights out, looking for that special someone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350691

TALL attractive nurse, dark hair, blue eyes looking to meet someone young and fit for out duty fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350719

LOVELY curvy, extrovert, green eyed blonde, seeks gorgeous, easygoing, fun male to share cuddles, laughs and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350697

ATTRACTIVE vivacious, curvy blonde beautiful brown eyes, many interests, looking for someone nice to cuddle up on the sofa and share good wine with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350695

ATTRACTIVE vivacious lady seeks good looking male to share travel, romantic nights out and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350693

LOVELY curvy brunette, adventurous and feminine seeks intelligent male to share the fun side of life together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349003

ATTRACTIVE affectionate, outgoing blue eyed blonde, 42, seeks warm hearted, kind male for good conversation, fun times and who knows. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351351

ENERGETIC big hearted brunette likes countryside, looking for a man to love and be cherished in return. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351345

LOVELY green eyed brunette likes long romantic walks, seeks tall, outgoing male with GSOH to light up her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351343

TALL slim blonde, 46, loves to travel looking for someone genuine and honest to share cosy evenings in with a bottle of wine, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351341

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Men Seeking

MALE 32, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks young female, 18-40, caring, outgoing for socialising and romance. Bognor Regis. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382682

KIND warm hearted 6ft 2ins, well travelled, compassionate, romantic male, 48, seeks loving, passionate, romantic lady for LTR. Storrington. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352793

ROGER 68, 5ft 11ins, N/S, romantic, GSOH, dependable, sincere, easygoing, seeks slim-medium build, attractive female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352669

6FT 2ins male, slim, N/S, brown hair/eyes, average looks, likes nights in/out, country pubs, animals, seeks similar lady for LTR. East Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382644

MICK 52, 6ft 1ins, honest, reliable, loyal, seeks similar female, 40-50. Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382632

GOOD looking Asian male, professional, honest, reliable, fun, likes sports, travel, seeks attractive female for possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352565

YOUNG 60yr old male, likes cats, cooking, seeks female, 54-70 to share life. Bexhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382618

TALL mature, attractive male, seeks slim, petite, Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352511

FIT professional male, slim, dark hair, GSOH, seeks attractive, medium build female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382608

LOVING 38yr old female, honest, romantic, loving, caring, likes swimming, meals out, nights in, seeks male, 45-55 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350775

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192

KAREN 51, smoker, many interests, seeks country loving guy, 35-45 who is fun, loving and caring. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382050

LYN young 50yr old lady, divorced, attractive, size 16, black hair, green eyes, no ties, dog, likes walks, meals out, nights in, socialising, seeks gent, 40-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350023

SUE early 60's, black hair, brown eyes, seeks male, 59-63 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346929

FEMALE 42, stunning blonde nurse looking to share a bottle of good wine, relax and whatever follows with a tall professional male. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347345

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TALL dark haired male, blue eyes, good looking, seeks attractive Princess with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382258

CARING affable man, teacher, 56, likes arts, rock, travel, seeks interesting, intelligent childless woman, for LTR and adventures. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347051

BRIAN 47, 5ft 9ins, medium build, attractive, N/S, likes pubs, meals out, cinema, seeks attractive, white female, 35-47 for LTR. East London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351499

ATTRACTIVE fit male, 35, seeks female, 25-48 for fun relationship. Uckfield. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382482

PASSIONATE male, early 50's, 6ft, dark hair, stocky, easygoing, happy go lucky, no baggage, seeks warm natured female in need of TLC. Poole. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352615

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FUNNY chatty 44yr old male, seeks special lady for special times. Cheam. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382534

GENUINE male, 39, fit, handsome, seeks female, 18-30 for fun, laughs and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352235

SINGLE 40yr old male, sporty, dark features, good looking, seeks lonely female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352177

41 Y R old male, GSOH, seeks female for fun, company and maybe more. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352417

CARING white male, 61, N/S, many interests, seeks romantic, understanding black lady, 50-65, size 18 plus for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351255

MALE seeks special female, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350315

43YR old single dad, fit, slim, 6ft, dark hair, hazel eyes, tattoos, likes motor bikes, seeks gorgeous female, under 40 for LTR. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382262

TALL male, dark hair, good looking, smoker, likes sports, cinema, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382458

PAUL 5ft 11ins, 13st, fair hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, smart, muscular, fit, active, likes travel, music, theatre, cinema, meals out, seeks mature female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382466

YOUNG 69yr old male, likes socialising, meals out, music, animals, seeks lady for company, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382090

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45YR old male, likes music, festivals, seeks female, 38-48 for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350753

37YR old male, N/S, no ties, seeks local female, 39-60 for loving, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350745

TALL active, light hearted guy 55, seeks female, 43 or under for LTR. Affection and loyalty guaranteed. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351317

WHITE male, young looks, new to area, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Hastings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382330

MICHAEL 53, professional, GSOH, seeks female, 35-50. Crawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351303

MALE 50, 5ft 10ins, likes nights out, cinema, music, seeks fun loving, outgoing female, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351243

ATTRACTIVE fit, mature male, seeks Asian/Oriental female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382370

SUGAR daddy available. Pete 57, 5ft 9ins, short dark hair, hazel eyes, own business, likes travel, seeks female to look after and spoil. Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382376

FATHER Christmas, generous, seeks young, adventurous, curvy female, up to 23 for discreet fun and friendship. Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382280

PROFESSIONAL male, 55, slim, 5ft 11ins, divorced, N/S, likes travel, sports, walks, seeks slim, fit, N/S, genuine female, 48-59. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350257

6FT male, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, slim, athletic, outgoing, likes clubs, bars, sports, gym, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349981

HONEST reliable, handsome, black male, 47, affectionate, seeks mature, trendy, white female, 42-62 for going out, laughter and life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350653

Gay Seeking

YOUNG 60yr old male, likes cats, cooking, travel, seeks male, 54-70, CD/TV to share life. Bexhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382616

CHRISTINE bi CD 51, medium build, 5ft 8ins, clean shaven, N/S, seeks likeminded CD/TV for fun and friendship. South West. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382516

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DISCREET gay male, attractive, 5ft 6ins, N/S, easygoing, submissive nature, seeks older assertive male for fun and friendship. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352387

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EVEN better than chocolate? Alan, tall, young looking 45, humorous, intelligent, genuine, passionate, seeks slim female for love and sharing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351187

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SOLEMN DUTY: The body of the Unknown Warrior was brought ashore at Dover, en route to Westminster Abbey

BY MARIJKE COX

NINETY years ago, the body of an unidentified British soldier was brought home to England as a symbol of the unknown dead found on First World War battlefields.

Crowds lined the streets of Dover to pay homage to the Unknown Warrior as his coffin was brought from France before being taken to its final resting place at Westminster Abbey. It became the focus of national grief, serving as a reminder of all the soldiers who had sacrificed their lives, particularly for the families who had no grave to visit.

To commemorate the 90th anniversary of the homecoming, the Dover War Memorial Project (DWMP) launched a new venture to teach youngsters the significance of the Unknown Warrior during Remembrance Week.

A grant of £28,000 was secured through the Heritage Lottery Fund for the educational project, along with other DWMP work, and a number of initiatives was held at schools and Scout and Brownie groups.

Marilyn Stephenson-Knight, co-founder of the DWMP, said the grant would help continue the work of teaching newer generations about the major events in history and the significance of Remembrance.

Sacrifice

"One of our aims is to ensure our new generations understand the significance of Remembrance and the lives and sacrifices of their forebears," she said.

"We are delighted to receive this grant enabling us to help young people learn the meaning of the Unknown Warrior as we commemorate the 90th anniversary of his return to Britain on November 10, 1920."

Activities in schools in Dover, Chatham and London saw children handling original artefacts and researching the lives of those who died in the two world wars.

Scouts and Brownies designed stained-glass windows with a professional artist and a musical performance was put on in Dover at St Martin's School.

Trips to Westminster Abbey to visit the



BRIGHT IDEA: Scouts and Brownies work on their Dover War Memorial Project artwork

grave of the Unknown Warrior were held and youngsters laid tributes in the Field of Remembrance before watching a play, *The Mothers Of Britain*, about two women travelling to the funeral of the soldier, both believing him to be their son.

The grant is also being used to create educational resources for seven- to 11-year-olds.

Ms Stephenson-Knight said: "The Unknown Warrior project follows on from the *Walter Tull* and *Not Forgotten* projects in 2008 and 2009.

"It's superb to be working again with our partners the City of Westminster Archives and Westminster Abbey, and to welcome new partners the Royal Artillery Museum, Medway Archives and Chelsea FC."

Children involved in the DWMP, which is run by volunteers, studied the history of six soldiers with no known graves – any one of whom could have become the Unknown Warrior.

In November 1920, Brigadier General LJ Wyatt, a general officer commanding British troops in France and Flanders, stood before the bodies of unidentified soldiers in a chapel in Ypres. He was to choose a soldier to become the symbol of the unknown dead.

It followed an idea by the Rev David Railton, who, while serving as an Army chaplain, saw a grave marked by a rough cross with the pencil-written words 'An Unknown British Soldier'.

General Wyatt closed his eyes and touched the Union Jack flag on one of the bodies, selecting the Unknown Warrior, who was placed inside a coffin and sealed.

It was brought across the Channel on a Royal Navy destroyer, which was met halfway by six others with their flags at half-mast – an honour usually reserved for the King.

On November 11 at 11am, the coffin was carried into Westminster Abbey to a congregation of 1,000 people made up of recipients of the Victoria Cross and grieving families.

In just five days more than a million people paid their respects at the grave.



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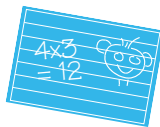
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BREAK TIME

Academy students excel in early take

MARSH Academy students from year 11 were rewarded for their efforts after they hit targets in maths, English and science a year early.

The 24 pupils all took their GCSEs at the end of year 10 and either met or exceeded their target grades.

They were handed certificates of achievement from principal Tracy Luke before enjoying a buffet and watching a film.

Assistant principal Luke Magee said: "These students have done extremely well to achieve their target grades a year early and we are delighted to be able to reward all students who have worked hard to accomplish their targets."

Their group were the first at the academy to complete the accelerated curriculum programme.

They begin studying for their GCSEs in year 9, and after taking their exams in year 10 can move on to AS-levels or additional GCSEs in year 11 or alternatively spend another year on their GCSEs if they feel they need more time to achieve the grades they deserve.

One of those who benefited from this new system was Lee Russell, whose results included two A*s and two As.

Lee's results meant he could move on to take extra GCSEs plus an AS-level in English.

This summer the Marsh Academy enjoyed its best GCSE results yet, with 34 per cent of year 11 students gaining five A*-C grades.

The academy in Station Road, New Romney, specialises in business and enterprise and is sponsored by Microsoft, Kent County Council and Tonbridge School.

St Martin's pupils remember them at Westminster Abbey

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

PUPILS from a Dover school travelled to Westminster Abbey to pay tribute to the fallen heroes from the First World War.

Children from St Martin's primary school visited the tomb of the Unknown Warrior as part of their learning about the Great War and what life was like during this period.

Grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund have enabled the Dover War Memorial Project to work with the City of Westminster Archives and Westminster Abbey to work with young people to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the homecoming of the Unknown Warrior.

Classroom sessions have been held to help the pupils learn about life in the trenches of the Western Front and about local people who lost their lives in the First World War and who have no known grave.

Students from St Martin's learnt about Cecil Bromley, of the Royal Flying Corps, and a former master of their school, Tommy Eaves – both were killed in 1916.

The school trip took place on Tuesday, November 2, to work with the MOD Productions Theatre Group.

Youngsters performed a play based on The Mothers Of Britain, a story first published in November 1920 about people travelling to London to witness the burial of the Unknown Warrior.

In Westminster Abbey, the pupils 'met' the Reverend David Railton, who told them how he had conceived the idea of the Unknown Warrior and introduced them to war poets



HISTORY: Pupils around the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey celebrated the 90th anniversary

including Rudyard Kipling and Lawrence Binyon.

The children from St Martin's then gathered by the tomb of the Unknown Warrior to take part in an Act of Remembrance led by Canon Jane Hedges.

On the tomb of the Unknown Warrior the children laid their own epitaphs, written on crosses, in memory of Cecil Bromley and Tommy Eaves.

The epitaph for their old master read "Missed by Everyone, Loved by All".

Maggie Stephenson-Knight, founder of the Dover War Memorial Project, said: "As we come to Remembrance, perhaps this is a fitting memorial to all those who lost their lives in service to their country."

"We remember them."

• For more information, visit the website www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk.

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Indefinite detention in the dock

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to bring an end to the indefinite detention of illegal migrants are to speak out about the plight of detainees.

Charities, law experts and a former inmate will voice their concerns as part of a national campaign at the University of Kent next week.

The Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, will join representatives from the Dover Detainee Visitor Group, the London Detainee Support Group (LDSG), Kent Refugee Help, and the Kent Law Clinic on the discussion panel. The Detained Lives campaign, led by the LDSG, aims to scrap indefinite detention in UK immigration centres.

Dover Immigration Removal Centre is one of

■ BY MARIJKE COX

a number of centres in England keeping male asylum seekers locked up, costing the taxpayer more than £68,000 a year per immigrant – without letting them know how long for.

Bishop Willmott, visiting the centre, said: “We are all children of God and it is essential we treat all people with justice and dignity.”

Campaigners argue that the Government routinely holds asylum seekers and migrants for years in detention centres, but holds terror suspects in custody for just 28 days. They called it a “hidden abuse of civil liberties”.

Jerome Phelps, director of the LDSG, said: “Indefinite detainees are trapped in a bureaucratic nightmare.

“The UK is one of a very few countries in Europe that persists in detaining people with no time limit, despite the evidence that it does not work. Indefinite detention is futile, expensive and immensely damaging, so we are campaigning to end this unacceptable practice.”

Dover Immigration Removal Centre, a prison-run service, has room for 314 male detainees aged over 18.

Vebi Kosumi, director of the Dover Detainee Visitor Group, said there needed to be a time limit for how long they could be held.

Currently, they can be detained for as long as it takes to decide upon their future, whether it is returning them to their home country or sending them to relatives in the UK.

“I think it is a reasonable request to allow detainees to know how long they are going to

be kept at the centre,” said Mr Kosumi. “What we would like to see is the Government not only putting an end to child detention, but also giving adult detainees a time limit.”

Immigration minister and Ashford Tory MP Damien Green told KoS last month he had set up an asylum improvement project to reduce the time illegal immigrants were held.

He blamed indeterminate detention on the time it took to get cases and reviews heard.

A recent report by the LDSG – No Return, No Release, No Reason – found two-thirds of migrants held in detention centres are never deported.

The free roadshow takes place at Keynes Lecture Theatre 1, Keynes College, University of Kent in Canterbury, from 6.15pm tomorrow (Wednesday).



CHURCH UP FOR SALE

The iconic church in Dover high street has been put up for sale by its owners.

The St Columba United Reform Church, which was badly damaged by fire in September 2007, has been placed on the market in the hope that developers will buy the property and land.

The plot comes with planning permission for two one-bedroom flats and seven one-bedroom apartments.

Built in 1904, the church has remained empty for many years and was gutted by the fire in 2007, which damaged the roof. The property is boarded up and may not be safe so can only be viewed externally.

The vendor is taking bids and will consider what it views as reasonable offers.

For more information about the property, visit www.connells.co.uk.

Shape provision of health services

THE NHS is looking to its patients to give feedback on the quality of care it provide.

Patients and carers are being encouraged to talk through their experiences and say how they feel dementia, diabetes and musculoskeletal services could be improved.

Sara Warner, assistant director for citizen engagement at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said: “We are encouraging as many patients as possible who have these conditions, or have an interest in them, to give us their views at our workshop at Kent County Cricket Club in Canterbury between 10am

and 3pm on Tuesday, November 23. Patients’ views really do count, and their comments will be shared with GPs when they discuss these conditions in January.

“Patients and carers will be able to talk directly to the people who buy health-care [commissioners] for the residents of east Kent and influence the treatment and future services that patients receive.”

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YOUR LETTERS

Don't let disgusting Ashford swallow us

Last week a letter from Harry Williams of Hythe referred to Ashford, Hythe and Folkestone swallowing up the countryside and becoming one big conurbation.

This is a terrible prospect.

Ashford is the most featureless, soulless, indeed disgusting, place in Kent, whereas Hythe has a charm all of its own, and Folkestone has its positive regeneration plans.

Ashford would add precisely nothing to these two coastal towns, and its enlargement should be resisted at all costs.

Keep our green spaces is my call.

Eric Paulson
Hythe

Colliery tunnels may disrupt homes plans

The land around Betteshanger, where the colliery once stood, is riddled with deep underground tunnels extending under the Channel.

Has anyone studied the effect of large-scale building works on such possibly unstable subterranean ground?

And would the building of 500 houses plus infrastructure prove unsettling to existing buildings?

I understand some houses in Worth have already suffered subsidence due to the tunnelling.

Elise Paterson
Deal

Explain the reason for museum fence

If Mike Eddy (last week's letters) or one of his fellow trustees of Deal Maritime and Local History Museum could explain how the actions they have taken achieve the objectives they say they are intended to, the public might be more sympathetic towards them.

The museum's fence is said to be needed on security grounds, although its position could only discourage access from Kathleen Thompson's property.

But there is a gate in it that she can use at will because the land can be taken back but not the right of way across it. That belongs to her property and is not restricted to her personally.

That right of way extends across more of the museum's land and is blocked by the museum building.

That cannot be readily remedied, so why are the trustees picking a fight with a neighbour with such an invidious claim against them?

The last time such a right of way was extinguished in Deal, the price was £5,000, and no doubt this one would cost more money which should properly be spent on the true purposes of the museum, such as opening it to the public.

On other occasions, the trustees have said the fence is to preserve

your blogger

As one Kent council comes bottom of the list for recycling, Gary Wright asks if we really care



ASHFORD Borough Council has been crowned the worst local authority in England for recycling.

I am sorry to hear that on the one hand, but on the other I'm not sure I really care that much.

Anyone who has suffered the stupidity, bureaucracy and stink caused by ill-conceived recycling schemes with its variety of different coloured boxes collected fortnightly must envy the residents of Ashford.

I should confess that I live in Ashford borough and I appreciate the efficiency with which the council makes my rubbish disappear.

I chuck my waste into black sacks and every week, despite rain, gales or blizzards, those top blokes turn up in dustcarts and my rubbish disappears.

Yes, you heard right, a weekly collection, no stinking chicken bones hanging around my home for a fortnight.

If the good folk of Tunbridge Wells (45.4 per cent recycled) and Canterbury (45.3 per cent) are diligent enough to recycle half, then that gives the people of Ashford more space in landfills plus time to find a system better than those currently on offer.

I talk with some experience here, having suffered the fortnightly collection nightmare with which Shepway council burdens its ratepayers.

Now don't get me wrong; it was easy to chuck cardboard packaging in one bin, tins in another and plastic cartons in another. Providing that you have the space for all these containers, it's not a bad system.

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Unfortunately, I failed to enjoy that warm feeling of smug satisfaction that seems to motivate most of the heavily discredited green believers (thanks, Channel 4).

And while living in Shepway, I lost count of the stories of bin-men who refused to collect wheelie-bins if the lid didn't close, meaning you were left waiting for another two weeks or facing a trip to the tip.

In Ashford, I stump up getting on for £200 a month towards council taxes, and while the council's slice of that is pretty small, all I really want them to do is clear my rubbish – nothing else, thanks.

Kent County Council can run schools and lose millions in Icelandic banks and Kent Police needs to retain cops, cut admin and consider carefully how many £38,000 Jaguar pursuit cars it really needs.

If recycling is so important, and EU-imposed targets of 50 per cent within two years seem unavoidable, then let Ashford spend the latest £300,000 handout on employing people to sort through the collected rubbish.

Don't make me do it. I'm happy to pay someone who can tell the difference between PVC and PTFE plastic.

We are on the brink of stinging public-sector cuts, and while I have always been against local-authority non-jobs, if my council wants to spend my money employing recyclers, you have my full support.

There must be a better way to recycle that does not involve stinking wheelie-bins containing two-week-old food as the result of knee-jerk green initiatives.

I believe Ashford Borough Council, by taking its time, can show the way.

A towering inferno of broken promises

Bonfire Night this year really was one to remember. Just six months after the general election, yet the skies across the country were lit up by the burning effigies of Clegg and Cameron and their litany of broken promises.

Up in smoke went their pledges to fight rises in tuition fees or to maintain child benefit for all.

Reduced to ashes were the remnants of manifestos protecting the poor, the disabled and elderly.

Bang and then silent went our Armed Forces as troop numbers were cut, tanks, Harriers and destroyers decommissioned, and the Ark Royal scuttled to secure an alliance with the French.

Starbursts lit up the sky to herald the 36 per cent increase in overseas aid and our increased contributions to the European Union budget, while the homeless looked on in shock and awe at a 50 per cent cut in the housing budget and the ethnic cleansing of Tory suburbs.

Damp squibs flew as one minute George Osborne promised economic salvation and then in the next the Institute for Fiscal Studies exposed his budget as an unmitigated attack on the poor, while others predicted 1.6 million jobs would be sacrificed in the fall-out.

In Parliament, as the Coalition stuffed the benches in the Lords with its own supporters, the ghosts

of Guy Fawkes and Al Qaeda wandered the dungeons undetected by police and security services, more preoccupied with their redundancy notices and loss of pension rights than protecting the very politicians who promised them so much so little time ago.

Perhaps not quite the Bonfire of the Vanities a betrayed electorate deserved, but nevertheless a good rehearsal for the next one in another six months, when the electorate across Shepway will surely show councillors Robert Bliss and Lynne Beaumont and their motley crew of martyrs that not even the Big Society's volunteer fire brigade will save their council seats going up in flames.

Donald Worsley
Folkestone and Hythe Labour Party

Say no to erosion of our national rights

Are the leaders of this country completely mad? A special tribunal of mad men has granted Abu Hamza, the radical preacher, permission to keep his British passport.

Why? His acts amount to no less than treason against our people and country.

Why do we allow such imbeciles to enter our country, let alone stay? Hasn't Prime Minister David Cameron any powers to overrule these idiots?

I am sick of reading about this

government bowing down to stupid rules by Brussels, and now we are joining them with our own stupidity.

Where will it end? Will no one in power understand what is happening?

We are losing our country. Soon we will be just a department of Europe with no say in the running of our country.

It's about time the majority made themselves heard.

John R O'Neon
Folkestone

Empty shops a good place to display art

Regarding the problem of empty shops, highlighted on last week's letters page, one of the ways they can be brought back into use is as spaces to display paintings and other work.

This idea has been tried successfully in London. Maybe with Folkestone's artistic renaissance it could be given a go locally?

Roger Anderson
Folkestone

Barack's charisma is putting us in shade

Last week's blogger was scathing in the amount of attention paid to US politics as opposed to European.

Well, my answer to him is, apart from Silvio Berlusconi, Nicolas Sarkozy and maybe Angela Merkel, the Euro politicians are as anonymous as can be.

The US has the most charismatic and talked-about leader. Who cares what Portugal's ruling party says when Barack Obama speaks?

Sarah Hawkins
Hythe

• In response to last week's blog, I feel that it is the fault of the media that so little attention is paid to European politics.

Decisions reached in Brussels affect us all, yet unless an anti-EU story can be carried – like banning curved bananas – no attention at all is paid to its rulings.

If sensible coverage of the EU existed, maybe people would become more interested.

Phil Gregory
Dover

Could Lord Howard be our Mothman?

I read about Michael Howard's speech to the House of Lords on being elevated to the peerage.

He talked about local legends, UFOs and HG Wells, using the Lympne area for some spooky goings-on in his novels about aliens.

But there was one serious omission – no mention of the notorious Mothman.

As a letter in last week's paper said – could it be that they are one and the same?

I think we should be told.

Andy Meredith
Folkestone

Peter Jull
Deal

Revealing teachers' salaries a lesson in futility, says union

UNION leaders have hit out at Government plans to publish teachers' salaries, qualifications and sickness rates in an attempt to improve classroom standards.

The Department for Education revealed this week that schools will be forced to publish more information than ever before so parents can make better-informed judgements about where to send their children.

Headline-grabbing

Individual teachers will not be named but the unions argue that in some small schools it may be easy to identify which teacher is which.

"I can't see the point of all this; it's just headline-grabbing," said John Walder, secretary of the Kent division of the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

"It's been a feature of politics since the late Thatcher era that the Government should always be seen to be doing things, even when it's not needed.

"That's led to a massive avalanche of new measures that have been bedevilling schools ever since.

"Parents want to see that their child's school is successful, but the fact is that what they're

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

really interested in is whether or not their child is happy.

"Regimes where teachers are put under the cosh make for unhappy teachers and unhappy kids. When one side of the equation is put under that sort of pressure, the other side will feel it too."

The proposals form part of the DfE business plan, which also spells out coalition plans to reform the central contract dictating teachers' pay and conditions.

Other statistics due to be published include the amount of money spent per child and how many achieve new-style measures charting progress in basic subjects at ages five and 11.

"We do not see how publishing swathes of statistics on how many teachers caught the flu off their pupils, how many A-levels the staff have and what they are paid will reduce bureaucracy," said Emma Sivyer, South East regional officer for the education professionals' union Voice.

"This is information overload. What is the point? Do the public really want to know all this?

"We fear the Government wants to bring to an end the national system for teachers' pay



POINTLESS: Union says plans to publish information on teachers will put them under further pressure

and conditions – a system that has worked well in ensuring fairness and transparency without compromising individuals' details."

Other measures spelled out in the business plan include a new 'readiness to progress' assessment for children to ensure they are ready to start primary and secondary school, and the introduction of a new National Curriculum by September 2013.

The 'nappy curriculum' setting out targets children must hit before their fifth birthday will also be less bureaucratic.

Housing cuts to force out poorer residents

HOUSING-benefit claimants could be forced to move out of wealthier towns in Kent's commuter belt as a result of the Government's cap on handouts.

A report by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) revealed that in the next decade people relying on local housing allowance may have to look for cheaper accommodation in less affluent towns.

It comes just a fortnight after Thanet North MP Roger Gale raised concerns that coastal areas could be hit with an influx of London dole claimants unable to afford expensive city rents once housing benefit is capped in April.

Industry experts at CIH believe that for Kent's wealthier inland towns it could be the reverse, with claimants moving away.

Highlighted

Ashford and Maidstone were highlighted as places that would be 'off limits' for private rented-sector tenants claiming housing benefits in the next 10 years.

Towns in commuter belts were outlined as areas in which claimants may be unable to afford to live.

The report added: "If rental inflation is at 5 per cent, within 20 years almost all rental market areas in the South East will be affected by the caps."

Under the changes, handouts will be capped at £400 a week for a four-bedroom house, £340 for a three-bedroom property, £290 for two bedrooms and £250 for a one-bedroom property.

Another Isle of Thanet MP welcomed the move. Laura Sandys (Thanet South) said: "The current situation has fundamentally distorted housing in my area.

"Those who work get less than those who claim and those who do not work often receive the most."

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Church to host choir

THE Snowdon Colliery Male Voice Choir will sing at Canterbury Baptist Church in Canterbury on Friday, November 19.

The choir will be joined by DeJaVu choir from The Netherlands called 'Déjà vu' for this show to raise funds for the church in St George's Place, Canterbury.

Tickets are priced £5 and available by calling 01227 760824 or on the door.

Christmas fair goodies

A CHRISTMAS fair takes place at St Mary's Church in Willesborough, Ashford on Saturday, November 27.

It lasts from 10am to 2pm and will include stalls selling books, cakes, crafts, produce, plants and raffle tickets.

There is free parking, refreshments and also a raffle.

Three day folk festival

THE First Margate Folk Festival will take place at the Lifeboat Ale And Cider House, Margate.

The Market Street venue will host a variety of acts over three days, November 18, 19 and 20. The Bubble Band, Pierre Vincent, Phil Martin Mike Deavin, The Sally Ironmonger Duo are some of those performing.

Visit Facebook, searching "Lifeboat and Ale Cider House Margate" for details.

Enjoy sounds of Africa

KASAI Masai return to Ashford bringing the traditional sound of remote equatorial African villages to Kent.

The show takes place at North School, Essella Road, Ashford, on Saturday, November 20. Tickets are £8 adult, £5 concessions and children go free.

Call 01233 629 165 or book online at www.equatorfestival.com.

Gallery's Menage a Trois

THREE local artists bring a colourful array of work to the Margate Harbour Arm gallery for the penultimate exhibition of the year.

Menage a Trois features the work of Ramsgate's Patricia Jones, John Newton and Denis Smith. The free exhibition runs until Monday, November 22, 10am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday.

Agatha Christie staged

SENIOR Dover Youth Theatre students had a production of Appointment With Death by Agatha Christie.

It takes place at the Roundhouse Theatre at the Dover Discovery Centre, on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 and £5. Book tickets on 01304 202544 or call 01304 202544.

Jazz up your evening

THE Blue Rhythm Kings, led by Malcolm Walton will guarantee an evening of uplifting and classy 1920's traditional jazz at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre in Whitstable on Friday, November 19.

Tickets are £8, £6 concessions. Call the box office on 01227 281174 to book up.

Doors open at 7pm and there is a bar.



The Strawbs are ready to rock you back to the swinging Sixties when they play their original material at The Astor Theatre in Deal

SINGER-songwriter and guitarist Dave Cousins, who fronts rock band The Strawbs, is set to rock his home town on Saturday, adding a twinge of folk to the mix.

Dave's local theatre, The Astor in Deal is the venue for his show and he says – unusually – he is really looking forward to playing locally with a full band, playing their original, influential material.

"Sometimes I can be apprehensive. It may be that the night after the show I'm having a cup of coffee reading the paper and someone who was there the previous night will remember me on stage waving my arms about," he said.

"It can make me feel like two different people.

"But this time we have such a tight band and such great material I am really looking forward to it."

Dave's career is one steeped in rock credentials.

He started his career in the folk clubs of the 1960s, once memorably playing support to then newcomers The Rolling Stones.

"There were shows on Eel Pie Island in the Thames in Twickenham," he said.

"The Stones would be playing furiously, people would be jumping on top of one another to get a glimpse of them. The crowd was wild.

"Then in the interval we'd go on and do a set of bluegrass music. It went down well, though. The crowd liked it.

"But they never said much to us – all I remember is guitarist Brian Jones coming up and saying 'Like your music, man'."

Now in his mid 60s, Dave has also just completed a book showing how he came to write his songs.

Secrets, Stories, Songs talks about many of the factors that inspired Mr Cousins's huge volume of work.

Much of it revolves around the countryside

near his home town of Deal.

Features include the relics of the Duke of Wellington in Walmer church, the seashore, the harvest and the sculpture of a Battle of Britain pilot looking out to sea on the cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne.

Dave has also just finished filming part of a tribute TV show to Byrds legend Roger McGuinn, which will feature rock legends such as Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

But it was another US star who got him

interested in contemporary music.

He said: "I listened to a lot of folk music and went to see Bob Dylan in 1965. He was playing Mr Tambourine Man and that was inspiring."

Another star who crossed his path was David Bowie.

"He used to come around for a cup of tea and his then manager Tony Visconti told me all about this revolutionary new look David was getting into," he said.

"I knew his band The Hype – then they started calling themselves The Spiders From Mars. On stage in an outrageous Japanese-style costume – I was thinking, is that really David?"

"Anyway, we needed a B-side, so as a joke I started calling us Ciggy Barlusc And The Whales From Venus."

"I wrote a song which mentioned David, a bit of a parody and all meant in good fun, but he never spoke to me after that."

Dave had met folk-singer Sandy Denny in 1967 and she recorded an album with The Strawbs that has recently been re-released as a remastered CD.

And the band continued to play throughout the 70s until Cousins called it a day as the 80s dawned.

"We were playing all over America, always our best market," he said.

"We'd headline and then support acts like The Eagles, Santana, Frank Zappa and Lynyrd Skynyrd in front of massive crowds.

"But then I felt it had gone as far as it could, so I started to get into running radio stations."

A meeting with former bandmates a few years ago brought his career full-circle and Mr Cousins currently plays as part of an acoustic trio and in full band mode.

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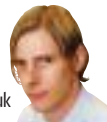


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RAILWAY SWING BAND

Wednesday, November 17, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

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The Railway Swing Band, consisting mainly of players living with a 20-mile radius of Deal, aged from 16 to over 80, are proud to have built up a local reputation by raising money for local charities.

The band formed in 1992 in the back room of the Railway Public House, Walmer, and still rehearses on Wednesday evenings, but now at Pfizer's Social Club, near Sandwich.

The band plays a mixture of most of the great Swing era – Ellington, Goodman, Basie, Miller, Kenton, Herman, with a few more modern compositions.

A standard big band consists of 17 players, but the RSB has 17 saxophones, eight trumpets, eight trombones, drums, bass, piano and two guitars, plus up to three vocalists.

East Kent is extremely fortunate to have them performing for local charities. Visit www.railwayswingband.co.uk for more information.

Tickets are £8.50 each. Call the box office 01843 591750.



KISSING SID JAMES

Sunday, November 14, Memorial Theatre, St Peter's Road, Broadstairs

DEAL-BASED theatre group The Yellow Brick Road Theatre Company bring this Robert Farquhar play to Broadstairs.

It follows a weekend away for stationery salesman Eddie and croupier Crystal.

Having been on one date previously, they decide to spend a weekend in a B&B by the sea.

However, disaster after disaster follows them on their trip.

Awkward love scenes, Sean Connery fantasies and a drunken night on the pier all lead to revelations regarding previous marriages, living with mother and the story behind the title.

The play contains strong language and adult themes, so is not suitable for the under 16s.

The play will be performed at 7pm, and tickets cost £7 for members, and £9 non-members.

Seats are bookable in advance at the theatre box office on 0845 2626263.

Whilst the 24-hour booking rule applies to non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, seats can be reserved by telephone or at info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Visit www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk for more details about the play.

BRENDON BURNS

Saturday, November 27,
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



THE Australian comedian was the winner of the If Comedy Award in 2007, and is touring with his show Y'know Love 'n' God n Metaphysics.

Take a comic preamble through the Edinburgh award winner's brilliantly insane mind. This show has a giant twist in it's tail. And, as always with Brendon... nothing is as it first seems.

He talks about being single and not enjoying it, his failed sexual encounters with women, as well as the political and moral choices we seem to be given in Western society.

He also tackles the subject of atheism with his personal take on spirituality, quantum physics, pantheism (nature and God being one and the same), sentience, accountability and evolution marrying them all in a conclusive human need for allegory to explain it all.

Brendon has also been hosting the new stand-up show FHM Stand Up Hero this autumn, which is a search to find up-and-coming new comics.

The show is not suitable for children and starts at 7.45pm. Tickets are £15.

Call the box office on 01227 769075 to book.



CHATBACK COMEDY CLUB

Tuesday, November 23, The Parrot pub, Church Lane, Canterbury



SET up by former University of Kent students Sam Gardner and Lucy Danser, who wanted to spice up the comedy scene in Kent, Chatback is back.

It aims to take the atmosphere and talent of the London stand-up comedy circuit to Canterbury, with local funny-men and women also featuring.

A fresh collection of the most hilarious award-winning and up-and-coming talent is being promised for the new run, over the winter season.

Chatback's first Knockout November night features Trevor Lock, compere Paul Sweeney, Tom Goodliffe (left), Steve Aruni and Henry the singing hoover, Toby Muresianu and local comedian Carysnia Williams.

Lucy said: "The nights are well-attended. We've been sold out for the last six months of gigs. They're packed full of strange and hilarious comedians with all sorts of weird and wonderful talents encompassing singing hoovers, magic tricks and the observational stand up. We hope to see everyone there this season."

Tickets are £6/£5 each and the comedy starts at 8pm. Visit www.chatbackcomedy.com for details and visit www.wegotickets.com to book.



JO FOOKS

Thursday, November 25,
The Tower Theatre, Folkestone



JAZZ saxophonist Jo Fooks graces the stage at the next concert from the Tower Jazz club.

The former Humphrey Lyttelton tenor sax star plays at 8.30pm.

The club's Derek Woodland said: "This brilliant young lady saxophonist will delight the audience as she did the last time she played, to a near full house."

"Her charisma and smile light up any room she plays in, plus the wonderful melodic playing of this artist at the top of her profession is a rare experience in today's jazz world, and will delight every lover of jazz and good music."

"The policy of the Tower Jazz Club is to bring the greats to Folkestone at the fraction of the prices in London."

Jo comes from Scotland, where she won the young musician of the year award before moving to study at The Guildhall School of Music in London.

She will be backed by Martin James on keyboard, Alex Keen on double bass and Rod Brown on drums.

Visit www.jofooks.com for more information. The theatre is in North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Admission is £6.

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The nationwide screening campaign to test all cats and dogs for diabetes is being championed by **Animed** this November as part of Pet Diabetes Month. **The Great Pet 'Pee' Test campaign** aims to mobilise the region's pet owners to collect a free diabetes 'test strip' from the practice to check their cat or dog for diabetes and submit the result in a special online survey on diabetes.

Animed is joining The Great Pet 'Pee' Test initiative to make more owners aware of diabetes in cats and dogs, and to highlight the current under-diagnosis in many pets. With 65 per cent of pets now estimated to be overweight by the RSPCA, diabetes in animals is on the increase, partly as a direct result of ever-increasing levels of obesity - as with the human population. Over a five year period, leading veterinary charity, PDSA, has seen a ten per cent rise in the number of overweight dogs. Given the current canine population, this could represent an increase of over half a million overweight dogs.

To join the campaign, pet owners simply need to visit **Animed** during November to pick up a **free Great Pet 'Pee' Test information leaflet** and test strip, then dip the test strip in their cat or dog's 'pee' to indicate a positive or negative result.

Owners can log the findings anonymously on **www.petdiabetesmonth.co.uk**. For each logged

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result, 10p will be donated to PDSA by the campaign's organisers, **Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health**. Findings from the survey will be used to help assess current pet diabetes levels throughout the UK and to identify any regional variations.

The launch of the first ever Great Pet 'Pee' Test comes as rising numbers of UK vets believe diabetes to be under-diagnosed. **It is currently estimated that up to 1 in 100 cats and dogs develop diabetes**, although this figure is expected to rise with the spiralling increase in pet obesity.

Animed is hoping that Whitstable pets will be amongst the thousands of UK pets tested during Pet Diabetes Month in The Great Pet 'Pee' Test campaign to see if they might be at risk of diabetes. If a positive result is recorded, owners are advised to bring their pet to the practice for a blood test to confirm the diagnosis.

As with many diseases, early diagnosis is important. Signs that a pet may be at risk of diabetes include drinking too much water, urinating too much, weight loss despite an increased appetite, and lethargy. However, these signs are not always obvious and easy to miss.

Diabetes can cause dogs and cats to become very sick. If diabetes is left untreated, sadly, coma and death can occur. However, with the correct insulin therapy and diet, diabetic pets can lead a long and healthy life.

Mark Moreton from Animed said: "By mobilising pet lovers to participate in The Great Pet 'Pee' Test campaign we hope our pets will be tested for diabetes and raise awareness of this growing disease. **With early diagnosis and correct treatment, you can restore the quality of your pet's life and maintain a healthy lifespan.**"



For further information and to join The Great Pet 'Pee' Test, contact **Animed** during Pet Diabetes Month this November or visit **www.petdiabetesmonth.co.uk**

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MOTORS NEWS



Fiat twin clean engine set to attack diesels

FIAT'S latest winning tech is a small but powerful, low emission turbocharged petrol engine that escapes road tax and will re-open the petrol v diesel debate.

The Italian marque has dropped this punchy little unit into its big-selling baby car, the 500 – pretty much an unbeatable combination.

The lively 85bhp 875cc two-cylinder engine is called the TwinAir and claimed to be the cleanest quantity production petrol engine in the world. Priced from £10,665, it's even available opentop.



Meriva could be bidding for award stardom

VAUXHALL could make it two European Car of the Year (COTY) wins in three years with its clever and stylish Meriva MPV (from £12,995).

It has already beaten off 34 rivals to the award and is now shortlisted for the finals later this month; a win would follow up on the Insignia's victory two years ago and avenge the Astra's narrow defeat last year by the VW Polo.

The Meriva's ace up the sleeve is its rear-hinged back doors designed for extra family appeal.



Welcome the 4x4 plus DSG combo from Skoda

SKODA now offers its robust 2.0 TDI CR 140bhp diesel with 4x4 and automatic DSG transmission on hatchback and estate Superbs, and the Octavia Estate and Scout.

The combination delivers affordable high-quality, all-wheel drive with the flexible DSG auto 'box, and for equivalent fuel consumption.

The Czech marque also hopes this new option will draw buyers needing a tow car, as well as AWD for tricky or snowy conditions. Prices start at £21,705.



CLEVER LINES: The interior of the new Kia Venga is impressive, ideal for families, and has an impressive price to match, but the overall driving quality is a bit lacklustre

Kia scores with the Venga

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BY STEVE LOADER

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litre petrol model though, I don't see this as a deal breaker. It is a bit unrefined but there is plenty of power even when you cram this little spaceship, while the mpg should average in the mid-40s.

There is also a 124bhp 1.6-litre unit with an automatic 'box (from £14,100), but it is not particularly economical and high emissions make the road tax steep at £250 in year one and £180 thereafter.

There is an 89bhp diesel too (from £12,760) with Kia's low emissions and consumption EcoDynamics package including 'Intelligent Stop and Go' to automatically kill and revive the engine in turgid traffic conditions; it could give you an average of more than 60mpg and offers zero road tax in the first year and a piffling 30 quid after that.

But it will cost you £1,300 more than a petrol equivalent, whatever trim you choose, and it does feel lumpy – the petrol is livelier and simply nicer to be in.

• IT'S not hard to see why Kia launched the Venga earlier this year.

No, it's not intended to be a tribute to Arsenal's long-running soccer manager, but mini-MPVs like the Kia are where the crowds and the big wonga are.

Last month's Paris Motor Show proved the point as the wraps came off three big new players:

Toyota unveiled the Verso-S, a rather belated though impressive challenger in a sector the Japanese giant claims to have invented with the original Yaris Verso (2000-2005), though it was so pug-ugly you could argue that Toyota nearly strangled a new niche at birth.

Hyundai chose Paris to reveal the ix20 – sister to the Venga, since Kia is the other half of the huge Hyundai group.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Wallflowers step into the garden limelight

PROPERTY-owners are increasingly choosing more traditional styles for their garden makeovers, according to the Society of Garden Designers who say people are looking to the past for inspiration.

Thomas Hoblyn, a spokesman for the group, said that wallflowers had previously been considered "a bit of a 70s plant" but have proven popular over recent months.

"There is a big, strong revisit to this retro 70s and 80s feel about things," he said.

Online garden retailer Greenfingers.com recently reported year-on-year growth of 49 per cent, while sales topped £4 million in the year to September 2010.

Mr Hoblyn suggested that the recession may have been behind gardeners' return to more traditional plants, noting that chrysanthemums had also experienced renewed popularity.

"Chrysanthemums used to be considered really tacky, but now they are everywhere this winter," he said.

Better protection for high-end landlords

A MAJOR change to legislation regarding shorthold tenancies has brought good news for landlords of high-end properties who fear they could fall victim to unwanted sitting tenants.

In the past, Assured Shorthold tenancy agreements were only valid for properties with an annual rental of £25,000 or less. For properties attracting rentals in excess of this amount, tenants were instead required to enter into a contract outside of the Housing Act which, ironically, was easier to flout.

However, the Assured Tenancies order which came into effect in October raises the annual rental threshold from £25,000 to £100,000 – protecting all landlords except those with seriously expensive properties to let.

The move has been welcomed by Katie Elliott of west Kent lettings agency Alexanders, who said: "This change is significantly good news for landlords everywhere, but especially here in the south east where we have a lot of properties which fall outside of the £25,000 bracket."

"By an ironic quirk of the old legislation, landlords with high rental properties had less protection under the law and could be more at risk from sitting tenants, who refused to move when their contract came to an end."

"The shorthold tenancy agreement is much more watertight," she said.



MIXED MESSAGES: Leading lenders have given different views on the property market in recent weeks, one saying house prices have risen, one saying that they have fallen

Market analysis opens the door to confusion

BY NICK AMES

TWO leading lenders have offered contrasting views on how the market has performed in recent weeks.

The Halifax has revealed that UK house prices rose by 1.8 per cent last month, following a 3.6 per cent fall in September.

The latest house-price rise takes the average cost of a UK home to £164,919, the Halifax said.

According to the lender, the monthly increase was three times faster than expected and means house prices are 1.2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Meanwhile, the rate of change in each quarter of the year, which is a more reliable indicator or near-term price trend, revealed a 1.2 per cent fall in October, said the Halifax.

Analysts had expected a rise of 0.6 per cent on the month and a three-month annual rate of 0.7 per cent.

The figures differ vastly from those from the Nationwide Building Society, which last week revealed a 0.7 per cent fall for the month of October.

Commenting on the figures, Halifax housing economist Martin Ellis said the high level of instructions on the market, coupled with a lack of buyer demand, had "put some downward pressure on prices in recent months".

He said: "We do not believe that prices are set to fall sharply over a sustained period."

Estate agents also have some less than positive findings – but across the UK the market shows clear signs of discrepancy.

Prices in the South East and values of home

continue to be far more resilient than those in other parts of the UK.

Hometrack, the property data company, asked estate agents for realistic house prices in every postcode in England and Wales.

It found that falls occurred in 56 per cent of all postcodes with only 0.1 per cent experiencing an increase.

This is the fourth month in which prices have decreased, showing a clear downturn in the market.

However, the number of homeowners putting their homes on the market continued to increase, seeing a rise of 1.9 per cent.

Richard Donnell, director of research at Hometrack, said that this "mismatch" between supply and demand looks likely to continue.

"A stand-off is beginning to emerge between buyers waiting for prices to fall further and sellers being unrealistic on the price they're willing to accept."

"We expect a modest adjustment in prices rather than a return to the double digit falls seen in 2008," he said.

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HOMEOWNERS are being urged to renovate their properties in a bid to make them more environmentally friendly, as part of the Government's energy-saving strategy.

Landlords have also been included in the drive which experts say can help to save money by cutting heating bills.

Dubbed the Green Deal, the scheme has been designed to make energy efficiency more accessible to the public – whether people own or rent their home.

"The Green Deal's about making people feel as warm as toast in their homes."

"I want Britain to say goodbye forever to leaky lofts and chilly draughts," said energy and climate change secretary Chris Huhne.

He added that, as the prices of gas and electricity continue to rise, increased energy efficiency is a "no-brainer".

Expected to launch in autumn 2012, the Green Deal programme will allow property owners to make energy-efficient upgrades with government finance.

The subsidy would then be paid back through savings made on energy bills as a result of the improvements.

According to Mr Huhne, in the build up to the Green Deal, 3.5 million homes across the UK are likely to benefit from extra insulation by 2012, as part of changes to the obligation on energy suppliers announced earlier this year.

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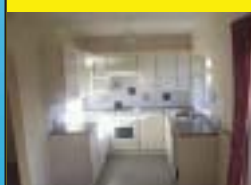
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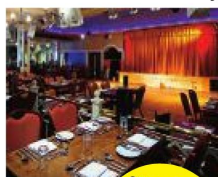
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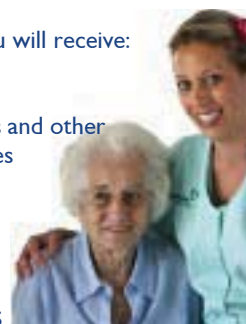
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ISSUES: Dover travelled to Hove without first-team regulars

Depleted Sharks well and truly beaten at Hove

DOVER'S troubled campaign plumbed new depths at Hove as their lack of squad depth was painfully exposed by a thumping defeat in East Sussex.

The Sharks made the trip with eight first-choice players out as a result of injury and illness, while several fringe players were unable to travel, further weakening the visitors.

Hove, promoted from London 2 South East last season, have made a mixed start this term, but their attacking intentions were evident from the first whistle on Saturday.

It took nine minutes for the cracks to appear in Dover's defence as two tackles

RUGBY

Hove 35 Dover 0

were missed in the build-up to Hove's first try. Almost immediately, the hosts were further in front after more slack defence allowed them to cross for a simple score.

Dover rallied briefly with Ollie Faulkner and Ben Sedgwick producing good runs from the back division, but Hove scored two more tries in the final moments of the half to secure their bonus point.

With the game now beyond them, Dover were dealt another blow when Jamie Townley was forced off with a head injury and Hove added another converted try early in the second-half.

Despite a spell of sustained pressure, the Sharks left empty-handed. They will look to end their five-game winless run on Saturday when Tunbridge Wells visit Crabble.

There was some good news this week, though, as Dover became only the third Kent club to receive the RFU 'whole club seal of approval' for efforts to provide a safe, organised and progressive facility for the town.

RUGBY

Picture NICK DUNGAN



TIGHT: Deal & Betteshanger (in black and white) earned a crucial win against relegation rivals

D&B victory vital in relegation fight

Warlingham 11

Deal & Betteshanger 12

A LAST-GASP penalty try handed Deal & Betteshanger a crucial victory over fellow relegation battlers Warlingham and ended their four-game winless streak.

The visitors, who welcomed fly-half Ollie Best back from injury after four weeks on the sidelines, played down the slope in the first-half, but were unable to make full use of the advantage.

Despite a series of useful kicks forward from Best, Deal's speedy wing pairing of Nathan Mitford and Luke Armstrong could not profit and Warlingham struck first with a penalty to lead 3-0.

Stung by the blow, Deal responded with a try from Joseph Hinkins, but the home side took a 6-5 lead early in the second-half after slotting another penalty.

Poor defending allowed Warlingham to score their only try of the afternoon and move further clear, but late Deal pressure resulted in a blatant infringement and the award of a penalty try to swing the result their way.



Picture SIMON HARRIS

MATCH WINNER: Dover squad celebrate Norville's winning goal with the fans after he charged down Ashlee Jones's attempt to clear the ball and it rolled into the net

Baker double helps Dover bounce back at Boreham

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Boreham Wood 2

Hurrell 26, 52

Dover Athletic 3

Baker 38, 62, Norville 64



IF DOVER are to make a return to the Conference Premier, then winning the "ugly games" against the likes of Boreham Wood are going to be crucial for manager Martin Hayes.

The Whites had to come from behind twice on Saturday, before Jason Norville's second-half freak goal secured a much needed three points at Boreham Wood to lift the club back amongst the division's front runners.

In the past, Dover have struggled against sides at the bottom end of the table, which makes Saturday's win all the pleasing for the Whites boss.

Hayes said: "It was an ugly game but we are

not always going to be able to play how we want, so to grind out a win like that was pleasing. The pitch was wet and boggy in places, but it is these games when you need to dig deep and show some character and the boys managed to do so.

"It was a tough and scrappy game and to be fair to Boreham Wood, their league position didn't reflect their performance on Saturday. It's strange really because we played better against Dartford last week and ended up with nothing. [Wood] battled hard and their lad on the wing was an asset and caused us problems. I think Boreham Wood will take points of sides so in that respect it was a good result and it puts us back in the mix in the league."

After the 2-0 defeat against fierce rivals Dartford last week, Dover were desperate to bounce back and they thought they had taken the lead early on. Harry Baker's effort from a corner appeared to have crossed the line, but the referee disagreed.

However, just before the half-hour mark, the hosts took a shock lead through Sam Hurrell. Danny Braithwaite fed the winger, who cut inside Bobby Aisien before slotting past goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Seven minutes before the break, Dover struck back with a stunning strike from Baker. The former Leyton Orient player controlled Sam

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Nicolau (Long 88), Hunt (Norville 67)

Long's cross and let fly with a half volley, which arrowed into the top corner.

Despite a bright start to the second-half, Dover conceded a second goal against the run of play when Hurrell scored an almost identical goal to his first.

But the lead lasted only ten minutes as Baker converted another volley from the edge of the area to level the scores.

Minutes later the visitors grabbed the lead when Norville charged down Ashlee Jones' attempted clearance, resulting in the ball rolling into the net, although the Dover striker knew little about it.

The Whites begin their FA Trophy campaign on Saturday with the visit of fellow Conference South side Woking.

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Cugley set to offload players in bid to keep hold of Tait

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Concord Rangers 2

Elmes 34, Erskine 65

Folkestone Invicta 1

Smith 23

STRUGGLING players could be released from Folkestone Invicta in a bid to make room in the budget for Allan Tait to turn his loan into a permanent move.

The striker returned for a second spell at the club last week, scoring on his debut to earn a point in the 1-1 draw with AFC Hornchurch in midweek. It was initially only a temporary switch, but there are hopes Tait, who is cup tied for this weekend's FA Trophy tie, could be convinced to stay longer.

Neil Cugley, Invicta's manager, is keen on adding firepower to his squad, but it is unlikely to happen without releasing existing players.

He said: "We're trying to get the begging bowl out and see if we can make him an offer to come, we'll find out if he's running out against Margate [in Invicta's next league game].

"We've given everybody chances now, no one can say 'I didn't have a chance'. We haven't got



CHANGE: Manager Neil Cugley will have to release some players if he is to make Allan Tait's signing permanent

loads to release, but maybe it's more important to have a smaller squad with a bit more quality."

The Seasideers have scored just nine goals in 15 league games so far this season, but if Tait's stay was prolonged it would go some way to rectifying the problem. There was another good sign on Saturday, with Jimmy Dryden playing 90 minutes for the reserves. The experienced forward has barely figured for 15 months, but was expected to play some part in last night's Isthmian League Cup tie with Cray Wanderers.

Invicta need an upturn in fortunes to boost their chances of avoiding relegation. They slipped back into the bottom four with defeat at Concord Rangers on Saturday, which had to go down as a missed opportunity.

The home side began well, but Invicta

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Vincent (M. Everitt 80), Burchell (Webb 80), Williams (Austin 85)

warmed to their task and took the lead midway through the half. Darren Smith's free-kick took a wicked deflection to leave the goalkeeper stranded.

Folkestone then squandered a golden chance to double their lead, with James Everitt's tame penalty easily saved. Concord levelled before the break and went on to score the winner in fortuitous circumstances, with an Invicta counter-attack hitting the referee and falling kindly for the hosts.

Next up is a trip to Conference South side Eastleigh in the FA Trophy, which Cugley hopes is a learning experience for his younger players.

He said: "The team should go out and enjoy it. For some of the lads it will be the biggest games they've played in. They need to go and make sure they do well personally and you just never know what could happen in cup games."

• **Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the details of last night's cup tie with Cray Wanderers.**

RUGBY

Stones dig in to end poor run of results

Folkestone 27 Crawley 18

A GRITTY display saw Folkestone put an end to their mini-slump with a hard-fought victory against Crawley.

The Stones trailed three times, but dug in to halt a run of three successive defeats in all competitions and claim a bonus point victory.

The visitors were the first on the board, kicking two penalties to open up a 6-0 lead. Folkestone had barely got going, but against the run of play scored their first try. The ball was kicked up the touchline for Drew Woolford, to pick it up and score in the corner.

The conversion was missed but within minutes the hosts were ahead. Spreading the play from one flank to the other their pack retained possession and hooker Will Massey dived over to make it 10-6.

The visitors hit back after the break with their second try of the afternoon, switching play well to take a slender one-point lead.

The game was in the balance, but Folkestone seized their chance. Hull's clever kick put the Crawley full-back under pressure and a mistake allowed Ben Brooks to touch down under the posts for the home side's fourth try, earning a bonus point.

Hull kicked the conversion and added a penalty late on to seal the victory.

Folkestone visit Eastbourne on Saturday.



TOUGH: Folkestone end their mini slump

CRICKET

Cook dishes awards

KENT bowler Simon Cook was the guest of honour at Deal Victoria and Barns Close Cricket Club's presentation dinner on Friday.

The club enjoyed a successful summer, with both their first and second sides winning promotion.

Cook presented the second XI Division Five winners' trophy to Vics captain Nick Francis, and also the award for the best batsman in the league to Simon Farrow.



HONOUR: Simon Cook (right) with Simon Farrow

Steve Thompson, Vics' chairman, was presented with the Club Person of the Year award, while club president Geoff Lovelock made a special presentation to Fred Wilson in recognition of his 50 years' service as club secretary.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

CONFERENCE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Bromley	16	9	6	1	+9	33
2 Braintree Town	15	10	2	3	+18	32
3 Welling United (-5)	16	10	2	4	+13	27
4 Chelmsford City	14	8	3	3	+9	27
5 Farnborough	15	8	3	4	+9	27
6 Dover Athletic	14	8	2	4	+10	26
7 Ebbsfleet United	14	7	5	2	+10	26
8 Bishop's Cleeve	14	7	1	8	-11	22
9 Eastleigh	14	6	3	5	+6	21
10 Havant & Waterlooville	12	5	4	3	+7	19
11 Dorchester Town	16	5	4	7	-1	19
12 Hampton & Richmond Boro'	16	4	7	5	-4	19
13 Weston-super-Mare	15	5	4	6	-8	19
14 Woking	14	5	3	6	-4	18
15 Staines Town	13	4	5	4	+2	17
16 Maidenhead United	13	5	2	6	-8	17
17 Basingstoke Town	13	4	3	6	-3	15
18 Dartford	14	3	5	6	-5	14
19 Lewes	16	3	3	10	-7	12
20 St Albans City	16	1	7	8	-16	10
21 Boreham Wood	14	1	4	9	-13	7
22 Thurrock	14	0	6	8	-13	6

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Sutton United	16	10	4	2	+16	34
2 Kingstons	15	10	1	4	+12	31
3 Billerica Town	16	8	5	3	+6	29
4 Cray Wanderers	16	8	4	4	+15	28
5 Lowestoft Town	14	8	4	2	+13	28
6 Bury Town	14	7	5	2	+3	26
7 AFC Hornchurch	16	7	5	4	+1	26
8 Hendon	13	6	5	2	+11	23
9 Concord Rangers	16	6	5	5	+3	23
10 Carshalton Athletic	13	6	3	4	+6	21
11 Tonbridge Angels	15	6	3	6	+2	21
12 Margate	15	5	6	5	+5	20
13 Canvey Island	14	5	5	4	+4	20
14 Hastings United	16	4	6	6	-1	18
15 Tooting & Mitcham United	16	5	3	8	-9	18
16 Wealdstone	16	4	5	7	-3	17
17 Harrow Borough	13	4	2	7	-6	14
18 Maidstone United	17	2	6	9	-13	12
19 Folkestone Invicta	15	2	5	8	-13	11
20 Horsham	14	3	2	9	-17	11
21 Aveley	16	2	4	10	-16	10
22 Croydon Athletic	14	2	3	9	-19	9

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 VCD Athletic	11	7	3	1	+7	24
2 Herne Bay	11	6	4	1	+9	22
3 Beckenham Town	10	7	1	2	+9	22
4 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	+17	21
5 Erith Town	11	5	4	2	+9	19
6 Sevenoaks Town	11	5	1	5	-2	16
7 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	-7	16
8 Tunbridge Wells	8	4	3	1	+11	15
9 Hythe Town	7	4	1	2	+6	13
10 Norton Sports	10	2	5	3	-1	11
11 Corinthian	11	3	2	6	-8	11
12 Fisher	10	3	1	6	-6	10
13 Lordswood	10	2	2	6	-7	8
14 Holmesdale	11	2	2	7	-8	8

FIXTURES (Saturday):

FA TROPHY THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING: Dover Athletic v Woking; Eastleigh v Folkestone Invicta; KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Hythe Town v Tunbridge Wells; PREMIER DIVISION CUP FIRST ROUND SECOND LEG: Deal Town v Corinthian

Vase progress just the tonic for Hythe after FA Cup exit

FOOTBALL

VCD Athletic 1 Hythe Town 5

THERE was no evidence of an FA Cup hang-over for Hythe Town as they swept aside Kent League rivals VCD Athletic to progress in the FA Vase.

Scott Porter's side had five different players on the score sheet as they made light work of a VCD side which had won 3-2 when the sides met at Old Road on the opening day of the season.

Town must make the trip to either Royston Town or Leiston in the next round.

Hythe's long FA Cup run had come to an end with a 5-1 defeat at Hereford United a week earlier. VCD might have hoped the visitors would struggle to motivate themselves, but the tie was virtually sealed by half-time.

Gary Mickelborough, who scored at Hereford, gave Hythe a great start by opening the scoring on 15 minutes following good work from Craig Thompson. The latter missed two gilt-edged chances to double the lead, but made amends after running on to Mickelborough's through ball.

Brendon Cass made it 3-0 just before the break, forcing the ball over the line from close range.

Town continued to threaten after the break and a trip on Thompson allowed Dave Cook to make it 4-0 from the penalty spot. Jamie Wood netted a consolation, but Hythe had the final word when Ronnie Dolan, who along with Pat Kingwell has signed a new



ON TARGET: Dave Cook scored Hythe's fourth goal

contract, smashed home from fully 30 yards five minutes from time.

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